

Year 5 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

PPA Cover



This half term in PPA cover we have been doing soup making, French, Music and learning all about bridges.

Soup making: In our first lesson we learned about safety in the kitchen. Then, in our second lesson, we made soup and flatbreads.

French and Music: In Music, we learned about Samba music and played different instruments such as drums and maracas. In French, we learned how to talk all about the solar system.

All about bridges: In these lessons we learnt about different bridges and had a go at building our own bridges with lego.

Thank you to Mrs Whiting, Miss Hill and Mrs Chappelow who taught us these lessons.



Zach and Harley 5 C

PE

We have been building our skills in football and gymnastics this term. In football, we have been learning to attack, control the ball, pass the ball under pressure and shoot. We had to work in teams, where we needed to communicate with each other to keep possession of the ball. We have really enjoyed our football sessions, despite the cold weather. In gymnastics, we have been learning about body tension to help with our balances. We were building routines in pairs to include different types of rolls, symmetrical and asymmetrical balances. We all tried our best to perform the different roles: forward roll, backward roll, log roll and teddy roll.

Harley and Felicity, 5R.



History

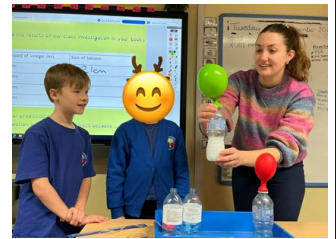
Our History topic this term has been on the Vikings. We have been focusing our learning on one question in particular: were the Vikings raiders, traders, or something else? We were surprised to find that they were raiders, traders, farmers and engineers. We were fascinated to learn about the different trading routes which still exist today. They traded fur, wool and amber. In helping us understand what the Vikings were like, we looked at photos of different artefacts and guessed their uses. For example, there was a comb which tells us the Vikings liked to look after themselves. We have really enjoyed learning about the Vikings.



Ethan and Samuel, 5R.

Science

We have been looking at the properties and changes of materials. We have done a lot of exciting experiments to look at the hardness, transparency and conductivity of different materials. Our favourite experiment was when we investigated the irreversible change of mixing bicarbonate of soda with vinegar which created a new material - carbon dioxide. We captured the carbon dioxide in a balloon. We found the more vinegar that was mixed with the bicarbonate of soda, the more carbon dioxide was produced. We knew this because the balloon got larger. We had four very different sized balloons at the end of the experiment!



Oliver and Kupa, 5R.

Maths

This half term we have been learning about fractions. We have been converting fractions, adding fractions and comparing fractions. It has been really fun learning how to understand how different fractions can be represented. We have become experts at finding the lowest common multiple of the denominators to allow us to compare fractions. Our favourite was adding fractions with a different denominator. 5F

Reading and Writing

This half term we have been reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Kensuke's Kingdom is all about a boy called Michael who ends up on a remote island after falling off his family boat. We all enjoyed listening to the story and writing about it.

Mia H and Grace K, 5C

In English we have written descriptions and diary entries imagining we are the main character of the story. We have also written messages in a bottle to ask for help.



In other writing lessons, we thoroughly enjoyed writing our own 'Battle Cry' as if we were King Alfred the Great trying to persuade our troops to go in to battle. This linked to our topic about the Vikings.

Toby and Saanvi, 5C

RE

In RE we have been looking at the beginning of the Christian Church. We now understand that the Church began during Pentecost where the Holy Spirit made followers speak in tongues. We also learned that 'Church' is not the building but the people who are coming together to pray. Our favourite moment was teaching an alien about what 'Church' is.

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